



Ms. Ruth Cox

Regional Administrator, Pacific Rim Region U.S. General Services Administration

Ms. Ruth F. Cox was sworn-in as the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) ninth Pacific Rim Regional Administrator on August 1, 2011.

In her role as principal executive of the Region, Ms. Cox heads a workforce of 826 associates across California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii, as well as in Japan, South Korea and the U.S. territories of Guam and Saipan. Headquartered in San Francisco, California, GSA's Pacific Rim Region has an annual operating budget nearly \$1 billion. Its 35 million square foot real estate portfolio includes 191 government-owned buildings and leased space in 909 commercial buildings that house over 100,000 federal employees and GSA associates. Additionally, her responsibility includes the supply of goods, services, telecommunications and information technology to all federal agencies within her region.

Prior to coming to GSA, Ms. Cox was the President and Executive Director of the Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association (FCHEA), the industry's premier trade association dedicated to the commercialization of fuel cell and hydrogen energy systems.

The Honorable Scott Peters Congressman, California's 52nd District

U.S. House of Representatives

Congressman Scott Peters serves California's 52nd Congressional District. He is a civic leader who has made creating jobs, protecting the environment, and improving the quality of life in San Diego his life's work. Congressman Peters is a problem solver with a record of bringing people together to get results.

His career in public service includes serving as San Diego's first City Council President, where he pursued greater accountability and efficiency in government. Peters created a new Council/Mayor form of government with an independent budget review function.

Peters also served as a San Diego Port Commissioner, and is the immediate past chairman of the San Diego Unified Port District – a major economic engine that produces tens of thousands of high-skill, high-wage jobs for San Diegans. The Port manages the state tidelands in and around San Diego Bay, which produces \$3.3 billion in direct economic impact to the region and supports jobs for more than 40,000 San Diegans.

He earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa and worked as an economist for the United States Environmental Protection Agency before attending New York University School of Law.





The Honorable Susan DavisCongresswoman, California's 53rd District U.S. House of Representatives

Since 2001, Congresswoman Susan Davis has proudly represented California's 53rd Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. The 53rd District encompasses much of the heart of San Diego and includes Imperial Beach, Coronado and parts of Lemon Grove.

In Congress, Davis serves on the House Armed Services Committee, where she is Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. She also sits on the Education and the Workforce Committee. Her signature issues include defense, education, health care, veterans' affairs and election reform.

Prior to Congress, Congresswoman Davis served 6 years in the California State Assembly and 9 years on the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education. After growing up in northern California and graduating from the University of California at Berkeley, she earned a master's degree in Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A Mid-City resident, Congresswoman Davis has been active in the San Diego community for nearly four decades.

The Honorable Barry Ted Moskowitz

Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Judge Barry Ted Moskowitz became the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California on January 22, 2012. He was appointed as District Judge by President Bill Clinton on January 2, 1996.

Born in Paterson, New Jersey, Judge Moskowitz graduated with highest honors from Rutgers College in 1972 and completed his law degree at Rutgers University Law School in 1975.

Upon graduation, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Leonard I. Garth, a judge in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. From 1976 to 1982, he was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, while also serving as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Seton Hall University Law School and later at his alma mater, Rutgers University. Judge Moskowitz spent three years in private practice handling commercial and banking litigations from 1982 to 1985 before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of California in 1985.

Judge Moskowitz became a U.S. Magistrate Judge in 1986 for the United States District Court for the Southern District of California and served in this position until January 2, 1996 when became a District Judge.





The Honorable Irma Gonzalez
Judge, U.S. District Court,
Southern District of California

Irma E. Gonzalez was appointed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California on August 12, 1992. She served as Chief Judge of the District Court from January 2005 to January 2012 and took senior status on March 29, 2013

Before her appointment, Judge Gonzalez served as a Judge of the Superior Court, San Diego County, for one and one-half years (1991-1992), and as a United States Magistrate Judge, Southern District of California, for seven years (1984-1990). Judge Gonzalez graduated from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1970. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Arizona School of Law in 1973.

Judge Gonzalez has served on several judicial conference committees and Ninth Circuit committees. She was a member of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council and chair of the 2010 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and is currently a member of the Ninth Circuit Space and Security Committee. She has participated in many bar activities, including Latinas in the Law and La Raza and is co-chair of the Federal Practice Task Force of the ABA. Judge Gonzalez was appointed as chair to the Supreme Court Fellows Program Commission after serving as a member.



The Honorable Marilyn Huff Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Marilyn L. Huff was appointed in 1991 as a federal district judge for the Southern District of California and was Chief Judge from 1998 to 2005. She is one of the patent pilot judges participating in a 10 year pilot project designed to enhance expertise in patent cases among United States district judges. She is a member of the United States Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Ninth Circuit Education Committee. She is on officer of the Federal Judges Association and past president of the Louis Welsh chapter of the American Inns of Court.

She received her J.D. from the University of Michigan law school in 1976. Prior to joining the bench, she was in private practice in San Diego, California specializing in civil litigation. She received the San Diego County Bar Association's awards for Legal Professional of the Year and Service to the Legal Profession.







Judge Taylor has served as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of California since January 2008. She commenced a seven year term as Chief Judge in October of 2012. In January 2013, Judge Taylor was appointed to a seven year term on the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

Judge Taylor served as the Conference Chair for the 2012 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and as Program Chair for the 2011 Conference. She previously served on the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Judges Education Committee and the Ninth Circuit's Pro Se Committee.

She currently chairs the Local Rules Committee of her Court as it works to redraft the current rules and to address new issues.

Judge Taylor actively participates in educational programs in the area of bankruptcy law and most recently participated in programs sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute, the National Bankruptcy Institute, and the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum. She is an active member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and serves on the 2013 Conference Education Committee, the Next Generation Committee, and the U.S. Trustee Liaison Committee.

The Honorable Bob Filner Mayor, City of San Diego



Bob Filner, the City of San Diego's 35th Mayor, believes in putting neighborhoods first and making sure each community has a seat at the table. His vision for the City includes improving the economy by creating more jobs that pay livable wages; urging an increase in alternative energy use by fighting to put solar panels on every city building; developing an "aqua economy," which is a mix of green environmental initiatives and blue maritime initiatives; and ensuring that those who have often been left out of the decision-making process now have a way to be heard.

Mayor Filner's political career began in the 1960s during the Civil Rights Movement. After receiving a Ph.D. in the history of science from Cornell University, he moved to San Diego and began a 20-year teaching career at San Diego State University. In the late 1970s, Mayor Filner led his first campaign to become a public servant. He won election for a seat on the San Diego Unified School Board in 1979.



His increasing civic involvement led to his successful campaign for a seat on the San Diego City Council in 1987. He created the City's first Economic Conversion Committee and wrote the City's Economic Conversion Plan. Recognizing his ability to work collaboratively, his San Diego City Council colleagues selected him as Deputy Mayor in 1991.

Filner was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1992. In his first term in Congress, he was one of only a handful of freshman legislators to be successful in passing legislation – in this case a critical amendment to the Clean Water Act, allowing the City of San Diego to save billions of dollars. In 2006, Filner was elected as Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. He served on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as the Senior Democratic Member of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, a member of the Highway and Transit, Water Resources and Environment, and Aviation subcommittees.

Mr. Michael Palladino

Design Partner
Richard Meier & Partners Architects

As a Principal Designer of Richard Meier & Partners since 1979, Michael Palladino has collaborated with Richard Meier on many award-winning projects located throughout the world, including The Getty Center; the Decorative Arts Museum in Frankfurt, Germany; the High Museum in Atlanta; the Visitors' Center at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California, and the San Jose City Hall in San Jose, California. He has also served as Project Designer and Project Architect for many private residences constructed in the United States and overseas.

Appointed Partner in 1985, Michael moved to Los Angeles in 1986 to open Richard Meier & Partners' west coast office with the primary purpose to design and build The Getty Center. Since that time, as Design Partner, he has also been responsible for the Museum of Television & Radio (Paley Center for Media) in Beverly Hills; the Gagosian Gallery and Expansion in Beverly Hills; the Broad Art Center at UCLA; Camden Medical Centre in Singapore; New Pacific Realty Headquarters in Beverly Hills; private residences in Kuala Lumpur, Malibu, Los Angeles, Newport Beach, Santa Ynez, San Francisco and Santa Barbara, California; and high-rise luxury condominiums in Philadelphia and Beverly Hills.

In 2003, Michael was awarded the commission as Lead Designer of the new federal courthouse in San Diego, recently completed in December 2012, and in 2009 he was awarded the commission for the new Edie and Lew Wasserman Building at UCLA, currently under construction. New commissions include the 500,000SF mixed-use Capitol Project in Singapore; an office tower in Changsha, China; 9200 Wilshire Boulevard, a new luxury condominium project in Beverly Hills; and a private residence and sculpture garden on a 300-acre oceanfront property in Melbourne, Australia.

In 2004, Michael was appointed to the GSA Commissioner's National Register for Peer Professionals under the GSA's Design Excellence Program. He is a Founding Member of the Museum of Contemporary Art's Architecture & Design Council in Los Angeles. A recipient of the prestigious Rome Prize for the year 2000–2001, and the 2005 Gold Medal from the American Institute of Architects Los Angeles, Michael was elevated to Fellowship in the AIA in 2008.